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EVIDENCES OF DESIGN

Report That Divers In Maine's Hull Find Some.

THE VULTURES ARE HARD AT WORK.

Letters Received at Washington Cause Doubt Regarding the Condition of the Forward Magazine—What Wrecking Work Will Cost.

HAVANA, via Key West, Feb. 24.—It is said there is now little doubt that the report of the board of inquiry investigating the cause of the wreck of the Maine will be to the effect that the prime cause of the explosion was a submarine mine or a torpedo dragged under her keel. The board can hardly come to any other decision from the evidence that will be placed before it. The unofficial testimony of the officers who gave it as their belief that something from beneath had caused the explosion of the forward magazine has been borne out by the report of the divers from the first day they went down into the forward part of the ship.

Operations yesterday were conducted under improved conditions, and the evidence gathered was more convincing. Of course the deliberations of the board of inquiry are in absolute secrecy, but it is reported that they yesterday obtained most important evidence.

Among other things found at the bottom of the harbor were several cans of powder perfectly intact. Had the explosion first occurred in either of the forward magazines every grain of powder, it is argued, would have disappeared, but if the explosion first came from the outside the cans might easily have reached the water without exploding.

Besides the powder cans the board may have other evidence. It is impossible to say just what evidence they do obtain, for Spanish officials are constantly at the wreck and jealously watch what the divers may bring up and eagerly hear what they have to say. The divers, however, make all their reports on board the Fern, and all suspicious finds are merely located and not brought to surface as yet. At the bottom of the harbor they are waist deep in mud, and searching is slow work.

Judging from reports received from the country towns, some of the Spanish officers stationed there are eager to fight the United States. They firmly believe they could easily "down" the Stars and Stripes, both on land and sea. "If Spain could send 200,000 men to a small island like Cuba," they say, "how many could she send to the United States?"

Captain Sigsbee is pained by the comments on his conduct while the Maine was afloat, made by some of the papers here. But, it is pointed out, such papers are not of the better class. The captain has been so universally courteous, and is apparently so popular with all, that he is surprised that any of the papers of Havana should seek to do him injustice.

A large quantity of clothing has been taken from the wreck, and after it has

LIEUT. COMMANDER MARIX.
[Judge Advocate Court of Inquiry.]

been disinfected it will be given to the reconcentrados. The bodies of the missing officers, Lieutenant Jenkins and Assistant Engineer Merritt, have not been recovered. The divers reached the former's room, but it was known that his body was not there. Thus far the sharks have given no trouble, but the vultures have left scarcely anything but the skeletons of three men who were entangled in debris very near the surface of the water. The bodies were not noticed by any one until the foul birds had completed their ghastly work. From the hand of one Chaplain Chidwick removed a deeply chased gold ring for purposes of identification.

Yesterday afternoon Chaplain Chidwick received a communication from Mrs. J. P. Kean of 603 Blue Island avenue, Chicago, praying news of Edward F. Kean, her son. It seems certain that he is among the victims. Chaplain Chidwick says that the total number of missing is 85 or 86, and five have died in the hospital. Of the missing many doubtless were blown to atoms, no portions being recoverable, and there is much doubt that any considerable number of those whose remains are now being removed will be identified.

LETTERS FROM OFFICERS.

Their Receipt at Washington Causes a Wave of Excitement.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The arrival of mail in Washington from Key West, bringing several private letters from naval officers lately attached to the Maine, caused a wave of excitement to run over the departments and the capital, for there were all sorts of rumors as to the contents of these letters, very few of which rumors in point of fact had any sound basis. The only feature, so far as could be discovered, of real importance as throwing any light on the cause of the explosion contained in the letters was the statement that the two after boilers in the after boiler space were all of the eight boilers of the Maine that were under steam at the time of the explosion. This fact had a negative value, for it disposed at once of the theory that an exploding boiler had caused the wreck. The experts all say that by no possibility could the after boilers' explosion have wrecked the fore part of the Maine and left the after part almost unharmed.

Much interest was shown in a dispatch from Admiral Sicard giving the recommendations of Captain Sampson of the court of inquiry as to the raising of the wreck. The view of naval officers was that Captain Sampson and his assistants were giving this advice not as a court, but as officers in a position to speak as to the best methods to be adopted for wrecking the Maine. Various interpretations were put on the expression "forward half completely destroyed." This was regarded as partial confirmation of the theory that the forward magazine had exploded, as that is one of the most important portions of the forward half of the ship. At the same time it was held by some naval authorities that the destruction of the forward half of the ship did not neces-

CAPTAIN F. E. CHADWICK.
[Member Court of Inquiry.]

sarily mean that the forward magazine had exploded, as this might be still intact, although a part of the general wreckage. In the absence of an explicit statement as to the forward magazine there was a disposition not to accept implied statement as to its destruction.

Captain Sampson's recommendation that a contract be made with the best equipped wrecking company to remove material and lift the ship without delay was in line with the action already taken in closing a contract with the two largest wrecking concerns in the country, by which their combined facilities will be at the service of the government. The contract contains a clause binding the wreckers to use their utmost efforts to expedite the work, so that the department feels that everything has been done to carry out the views expressed by Captain Sampson. A clause of the contract itemizes the amounts to be paid for each branch of wrecking work, viz: Wrecking tug Underwriter, $150 per day; wrecking steamer Jones, $200; lighter Seymour, $75; derrick Chief $75; barge Lone Star, $50; wrecking tug Right Arm, $200; wrecking master, $15; wreckers, $4.50 each; divers, $20 each.

Evidently the president of the court of inquiry is fearful of the effect upon the public of ill judged attempts to account for the destruction of the Maine, for yesterday afternoon he telegraphed Secretary Long as follows:

"Any reported interview with divers untrue. Every precaution has been taken. Officer always present."

One private letter just received here, in speaking of the disaster, says it was all over in five minutes. The writer was ashore and heard the noise. He hastily took a boat and started for the Maine, arriving there in about 25 minutes. Then all was quiet and smooth and, in fact, as he said, in five minutes after the blast the Maine was in about her present condition.

A formal order has been made out for Lieutenant Commander Wainwright to take station at Havana and look after the government's interests while the work of wrecking the Maine progresses. The big double turreted monitor Terror remains under orders to stay in Hampton roads until further notice. It is likely that she will be sent to take the place of the Maine in the north Atlantic squadron if not needed elsewhere immediately. The officials are, however, loath to incumber the battleships and speedier craft with the Terror, as she might retard the execution of maneuvers.

The president has signed the resolution of congress appropriating $200,000 for the work necessary for the recovery of the remains of the officers and men and property from the wreck of the Maine.

The Spaniards Rejoiced.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Albert Holdsworth, chief engineer of the British steamer Olivedene, which has just arrived here, was at Reglas, across the bay from Havana, when the Maine explosion took place. He was in a cafe where there were a number of Spaniards.

"Almost immediately," said Mr. Holdsworth; "a chorus of voices shouted: 'Americanos!' 'Americanos!' Then a prolonged discussion followed among the Spaniards. I afterward learned from an interpreter that they were expressing delight at the probability of many Americans being killed."

The next day Mr. Holdsworth sailed around the Maine in a small boat and held several conversations with Spaniards who were near the wreck. These Spaniards expressed sympathy for the Americans.

ONE YEAR FOR ZOLA.

French Novelist, as Was Expected, Is Convicted.

LIKENS HIS POSITION TO CHRIST'S

Hears His Sentence With Composure—Editor Perreux Gets Four Months—Mob Makes the Customary Rush For the Author's Carriage.

PARIS, Feb. 24.—The Zola trial is ended. The jury agreed days ahead on the verdict, and its unanimity was due to threats. It staid in the juryroom for a few minutes, and the sentence is one year for M. Zola and four months for M. Perreux, the nominal director of The Aurore. Both of the accused were also fined the sum of 3,000 francs.

The hour was 7 in the evening, and the court was lighted by electricity, which revealed the face of every person. A very striking picture, "Christ Crucified," hung high behind the bench. Maitre Labori ended his speech by saying, "The name of Pilate is the most abhorred in history." The figure of Christ caught Zola's eye. After sentence had been passed with pompous decorum he exclaimed, "Today, associated with Christ, I, too, am a victim of mob violence, official cowardice and a grand miscarriage of justice."

But he did not wince or flinch. He looked as indifferent as a mere spectator. Mme. Zola's heart at first seemed broken, but when she felt that she must brace herself up she became calm and self possessed. His friends, the artists Bruneau and Desmoulin, were more broken hearted than she. They have daily accompanied Zola, protecting him from mob violence. M. Labori was also greatly upset.

M. Zola's other friends were delighted. They declared that by the sentence he was redeemed from all past faults; that it set him on a radiant pedestal, gave him a unique position and would make him the representative man of humanity. They had greatly feared a severe sentence, but one wiped off with the benefit of the first offender's law. In this case he would not have gone to prison.

Frantic bravos greeted the announcement of M. Zola's sentence, and a scene of intense excitement followed. M. Labori, M. Perreux and some of the others present embraced M. Zola. There was extreme tension in court while the jury was in retirement, and the public was on tenterhooks until the verdict was rendered. Then the people present burst out into tremendous applause.

In the meanwhile all the approaches to the Palace of Justice had been cleared, the police commissary charged with the safety of M. Zola having declared that he could not guarantee the latter's safety until the streets were in thorough control of the police. Exceptional measures were taken as the public emerged from the assizes court. Outside the building there was terrific cheering, especially upon the appearance of the officers who have figured in the trial. They were almost carried in triumph, and shouts of "Death to the Jews!" resounded on all sides. A number of violent fights ensued and a police secretary was slightly injured.

The mob seemed to be delirious, shrieking cheers for the army and howling down the Jews with fierceness. M. Zola emerged from the court at 7:30 p. m., and his appearance was the signal for tumultuous denunciations and insults and shouts of "Down With Zola!" "Death to Zola!" The crowd made a mad rush after his carriage, but a strong bulwark of police intervened and saved him from the fury of his denunciators.

Interesting If True.

BRUSSELS, Feb. 24.—The Soir makes a spread on a story that Germany possesses ten bordereaux in the same handwriting as the one on which Dreyfus was condemned and that the government is seeking means to publish a document revealing their real authorship without compromising its relations with France. The paper adds that the truth of the Dreyfus affair is known in every embassy in Europe. The individual designated by the mysterious letter "D" is well known to have been in communication with Russian and German agents for years. France also employed him as a spy.

Murderer Barnes Will Not Escape.

BOSTON, Feb. 24.—The executive council has decided against granting a pardon to Alonzo Barnes, now under sentence of death for the murder of John Dean at Maynard in December, 1896. Expert testimony did not support the theory that Barnes was insane, and his execution will take place March 4.

Emperor of Korea's Father Dead.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Prince Tai Wan Koon, father of the emperor of Korea, died on Feb. 22, according to advices received by the Korean legation. Prince Tai Wan Koon was king regent during the minority of the present emperor. The legation will go in mourning for the period of 30 days.

Little Lamp, Big Blaze.

NORWICH, Conn., Feb. 24.—One buildng was destroyed, four others were slightly damaged and the village hotel narrowly escaped destruction by a fire in the village of Baltic, near this city. The loss is about $6,000. The fire was caused by the explosion of a lamp.

John D. Hart Goes to Prison.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 24.—John D. Hart, president of the Hart Steamship company of this city, who was sentenced to two years' imprisonment for aiding a Cuban filibustering expedition on the steamer Laurada, was taken to the Eastern penitentiary yesterday.

Captain Rebkeh Dead.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Captain Carl Hedrich, former commodore of the Hamburg-American line, died suddenly at Bootle on Monday, Feb. 21.

EDISON GOES TO LAW

Claims the Kinetoscope Rights Have Been Infringed.

WHAT DANIEL A. STEWART HAS TO SAY

Expresses Surprise That the Inventor Sues at So Late a Day—Several Defendants In the Case Have Already Been Summoned.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Thomas A. Edison has brought infringement suits against several manufacturers and exhibitors of movable film pictures in this city. Some of the defendants were summoned yesterday. Mr. Edison's purpose is to find out how much damage he has suffered from the alleged infringement of his kinetoscope patents and to obtain a permanent injunction against the use of any instrument for exhibition purposes except by those who are willing to pay him a royalty.

When the news became known it caused some excitement among amusement men, since there are several well known concerns which have been doing a thriving business for three or four years, and it had been supposed that they had held the field so long that nobody cared to advance the claim of infringement. The question was immediately asked, "Why didn't Edison bring suit before?"

What Mr. Edison's motive was in thus delaying is not known, but by doing so he will reap a very large crop of customers in case he can establish his claim to a broad patent, barring all others. Mr. Edison's suits are directed against the manufacturers and exhibitors of vitascopes, biographs, veriscopes and several other devices. It is understood that he will try issues with Messrs. Klaw & Erlanger, who are about to produce the "Passion Play" in this way. It is said that he will furthermore call the American Mutascope company to account.

Richard N. Dyer, his counsel in patent cases, said that Mr. Edison had brought a large number of suits. Mr. Dyer said Mr. Edison had no desire to interfere with the exhibition of these different kinds of apparatus, but that he would no doubt be willing to make an equitable arrangement as to royalty.

"Mr. Edison," said Mr. Dyer, "has amply broad patents covering the en-

DANIEL A. STUART.

tire field of this class of exhibition, and he has determined to enforce his rights. These suits do not apply to toy affairs, but only to the use of machines and films for exhibition purposes."

Daniel A. Stuart, president of the Veriscope company, one of the companies against which Mr. Edison began suit, was much surprised that the electrician attempted to establish any exclusive rights after the field had been covered for so long a time and had been invaded by so many companies. Mr. Stuart recollected that an old associate of Edison had apparently had a falling out with his chief some time ago, and this man made the rounds of opposition companies, as if he were willing to make some new business arrangements. Not long afterward the same man appeared to have rearranged matters with Edison, and, it is said, he tried to get the other companies to admit that they were infringing upon Edison's patents covering the kinetoscope.

The Czarina Has Smallpox.

VIENNA, Feb. 24.—Within a few weeks of the date on which, according to official announcement, the czarina is about once again to become a mother, she has been stricken with smallpox, and, although the most strenuous efforts have been made at St. Petersburg to conceal the fact, measles being given out as the cause of her seclusion, yet the true nature of her malady is the subject of conversation in all the court circles, news having been received here thereof by letter, as of course the censor would not permit any information of this kind to leave the Russian capital by wire. It is said she contracted the disease at a banquet.

Dead Cattle Washed Ashore.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Feb. 24.—The remains of a steer came ashore on Coffin's beach, and later the dead bodies of a number of sheep were found on the beach near Lanesville and at Davis' neck. On the ear of the steer was a tag with the mark "U. S. A., 1700." The animals were probably washed from the deck of some outward bound European cattle steamer.

Want Guns In a Hurry.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Feb. 23.—The American Ordnance company has received an order for guns which is accompanied by considerable mystery. The order is for 40 6-pound rapid fire hotchkiss guns, to be delivered at once. The order came from E. W. Very, vice president of the ordnance company, in Washington.

READ THE RIOT ACT.

Foreman Beach Swears to Violence and Intimidation by Strikers.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 24.—The feature of the proceedings in the Martin trial was the examination of John Beach, foreman of the Harwood colliery. He said:

"On Sept. 3 I heard the McAdoo men were coming and told all my men to go home. Two of the McAdoo strikers came upon wheels and said, 'We are going to stop the mine and drive the men out.' When the strikers came, some of them wanted to cut the rope of No. 2 plane. A carload of men was being hauled up, and if the rope had been cut they would have been killed. By hard talking I managed to persuade the strikers not to cut the rope. They cried as they left, 'You won't work any more for a month. If you do, we'll kill you.'

"On Monday, Sept. 6, a crowd of Harwood men, armed with clubs and stones, came to the breaker and went through it, looking for men who were hiding from them. They found none, and the leaders, Joe Fobotski and John Kubitski, told me that if any of them came to work they would be killed. That night I got 20 proclamations from the sheriff and posted them from Cranberry to Harwood. I read one and the riot act to several men who had just told me the McAdoo men had agreed to remain on strike until their demands were granted. Between Sept. 6 and 10 we tried several times to get the breaker started, but each time the men who wanted to work were driven back by the strikers and threatened with death."

The cross examination did not break down the testimony.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Four persons were killed by an avalanche in South Quebec.

A coal rate war in Plainfield, N. J., has brought the price down to $3.85 a ton.

Andrew Lagoni and George Commer were bitten by a mad dog in Hoboken, N. J.

Privy Councilor Schwabach, chief partner of the Bleichroeders banking firm, died in Berlin.

James Erwin, the new prosecuting attorney of Hudson county, N. J., has appointed Marshall Van Winkle his assistant.

A receiver has been appointed for the estate of Sir Robert Peel in bankruptcy court in London. The liabilities are estimated at £100,000.

Burglars blew open the safe of the New Brunswick (N. J.) Beef company's office, but were frightened away before they could secure any booty.

Mrs. William C. Whitney, who was thrown from her horse at Aiken, S. C., Monday, sustaining a slight concussion of the brain, is reported better.

The correspondent for the hydrographic party of the Nicaragua canal commission has reported that a revolution is imminent in Nicaragua.

Half of the party organized by Miss Mary M. Board at New Brunswick, N. J., to found a temperance colony in Alaska will start for their destination Saturday.

Investigation Into Alleged Poisoning.

HUNTINGDON, Pa., Feb. 24.—By direction of District Attorney Dunn, Coroner Schumm has begun an investigation into the alleged wholesale poisoning of the family of Joseph Demco, a naturalized Hungarian farmer of Cromwell township. Mrs. Demco and the youngest child died suddenly from what Dr. J. C. Stever, the attending physician, declared to be convulsions caused by an irritant poison. Demco and the two remaining children, suffering with the same symptoms, are barely alive. John Wilber, another Hungarian, is now under surveillance.

American Women Leave Havana.

KEY WEST, Feb. 24.—Spanish boasts that something would happen in Havana on the 20th of February that would cause Americans to remember the day were heard in Havana for some time before the Maine disaster by Mrs. G. E. Alexander, who has arrived here from Havana. She is one of the many Americans who have considered it advisable to leave Havana within the last few days. Another arrival is Mrs. Brunner, wife of the Marine hospital inspector in Havana. She is en route to her home in Georgia. The fact that her husband thought fit to send her away from Havana is one of the best indications of impending trouble there.

Beet Sugar Company Formed.

ALBANY, Feb. 24.—The Binghamton Beet Sugar company of Conklin Broome county, has been incorporated with a capital stock of $440,000. The directors are A. S. Bartlett, T. B. Crary, James Davidge, C. F. Hotchkiss, C. C. Jackson, F. W. Jenkins, Patrick J. McTighe, W. G. Phelps, J. E. Rogers, W. H. Sherwood and W. S. Weed of Binghamton.

Another Shipwreck Feared.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—It is believed that a clipper went down off Beach Haven, N. J., during the recent gale and that all hands have been lost. A quantity of wreckage has been found off Barnegat, but nothing was picked up by which the identity of the ship could be established.

Reward For Baker's Murderers.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 24.—Governor Ellerbe has offered a reward of $500 for the apprehension of the persons who burned the postoffice at Lake City and murdered Postmaster Baker and his child. Postmaster General Gary has also offered a reward and has issued an order to discontinue the postoffice at that place.

Returns From Town Meetings.

CORNING, N. Y., Feb. 24.—Complete returns from the town meetings in Steuben county show the election of 19 Republicans and 13 Democrats to the board of supervisors. The cities of Corning and Hornellsville will hold their elections next Tuesday. The Democrats gained eight towns and lost one.

WAR IS INEVITABLE.

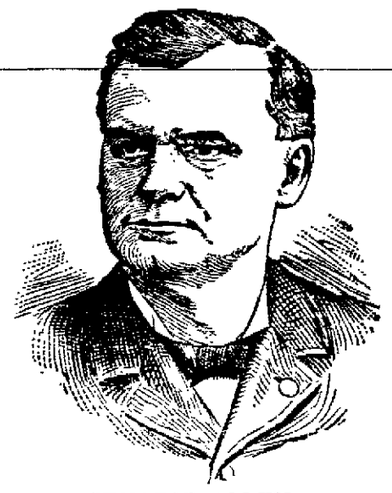
Morgan Thinks It Only Way to End Cuban Question.

BUT DOES NOT WANT IT HASTENED.

Hence Opposes Belligerent Resolution Offered by Senator Allen—Thurston Also Counsels Prudence—Motion to Have Five Senators Visit Cuba.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—While the senate was considering the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill a sharp debate on the Cuban situation was precipitated by Mr. Allen of Nebraska, who offered as an amendment the resolution passed by the senate a year ago recognizing the belligerent rights of the Cuban insurgents. The debate became general and occupied nearly four hours.

In the course of a reply to the preliminary statement by Mr. Allen, Mr. Morgan of Alabama said that this country's relations with Spain at the present time were seriously strained and that intervention by the United States which a year ago would have been inoffensive would now be almost a cause for war. He expressed the opinion that



SENATOR ALLEN.

the Cuban affair would eventually be submitted to the arbitrament of the sword between the United States and Spain, but he did not want war precipitated by rash acts of legislation.

Mr. Thurston of Nebraska counseled calmness and prudence, for he believed that the country was rapidly drifting into a war with Spain. "We ought to have patience," said he, "and wait as a great and powerful people, not in fear, but in hope that some satisfactory conclusion of the present difficulty may be reached."

Mr. Allen's amendment was ruled out of order, and the appeal from the ruling taken by the Nebraska senator was laid on the table by a vote of 51 to 5. Early in the day Mr. Allen offered a resolution providing for a committee of five senators who should go to Cuba and ascertain the precise situation on the island. Under the rules it went over. Both the military academy and the diplomatic and consular appropriation bills were passed.

Society People Attacked.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—A variety of subjects occupied the attention of the house during the consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill. Mr. Mahany of New York made an attack on the patriotism of some of the social leaders of New York, who, he said, held high revel while the nation was bowed down with grief over the loss of life resulting from the Maine explosion. He also made a vicious assault on a New York paper for its opposition to the pneumatic tube system for transmission of the mails in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Brooklyn.

The item appropriating $25,000 for power for this system occasioned a good deal of debate, but it stood in the bill. The southern members, who for years have been fighting the appropriation for "informers" on illicit distilleries, succeeded in killing the appropriation in committee of the whole, but Chairman Cannon gave notice that he would demand a yea and nay vote in the house.

The Bunko King In Court.

BOSTON, Feb. 24.—George Spencer, alias John Reed, the alleged bunko man, was not tried in the superior criminal court at East Cambridge yesterday. Reed was in court without counsel, and as the district attorney did not think it fair to put the prisoner on trial without a lawyer, the case was put over by agreement and will come up again, probably next Monday.

To Honor National Hymn's Author.

BOSTON, Feb. 24.—The committee on ways and means gave a hearing on a petition of George E. Lothrop, Jr., and others for an appropriation of $20,000 for the America Memorial Monument association, to be used for the construction of a monument to the late Rev. S. F. Smith, author of the national hymn, and commemorative of that hymn. No decision was announced.

New Hampshire Man a Victim.

BOSTON, Feb. 24.—Horace Langello of Plymouth, N. H., telephoned from that place that his son Frederick, a young man of 19, was a sailor on the Asia. He is supposed to be among the lost. At the office of the British consul there are several letters addressed to Mrs. Dakin, but there are none for any member of the crew.

Miss Conde Engaged.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Miss Marie Dorcas Conde, a former sweetheart of Ensign G. L. P. Stone, whose courtship troubles caused much comment last spring, is announced to be engaged to be married to Lebbeus H. Rogers, Jr., of this city, now a student at Yale.

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In a Legislative Way He Has Become Famous as the Chairman of the House Committee on Post Offices.

Eugene Francis Loud, named, it is interesting to note, for Napoleon's stepson, Eugene Beauharnais, member of congress from the Fifth California district and chairman of the committee on post offices and post roads, who has made himself conspicuous through his agitation of postal matters, especially for his opposition to the present law regarding newspaper postage, which he says is now subject to great abuses, is of Puritan descent. He was born in the picturesque old town of Abington, Mass., on March 12, 1847. His father, Reuben Loud, was known by his neighbors as a man of independent and radical spirit.

Young Loud, says the New York Tribune, inherited this spirit and gave evidence of it at the early age of 13 by following in the footsteps of so many youths of the Bay state and running away to sea. A sailing vessel carried him around the Horn. By the time he reached California he had seen enough of adventure, and was content to settle down in the state which has since been his home, and which he has represented for four congresses in the lower house.

But Mr. Loud's romantic experiences were not to end with his service before the mast. This ardent young Yankee enlisted at the beginning of the war in the California cavalry, and served until the end of the struggle. He was with the army of the Potomac, with Sheridan in the Shenandoah valley, and it fell to his lot to be frequently in the midst of the hottest fighting.

After the close of the war Mr. Loud returned to California, and was honored by the state of his adoption with several political offices. He was for some time in the customs service, a

EUGENE FRANCIS LOUD.
(Chairman of the House Committee on Post Offices and Post-roads.)

member of the California legislature in 1884, and cashier and collector of the city and county of San Francisco. His experience in the house began with the Fifty-second congress, and he has been elected to every congress since.

Mr. Loud occupies a unique position on the money question. He is, first, last and for all time a gold man, but the convention which nominated him adopted resolutions in favor of free coinage, and pledged their candidate to it. On hearing this, Mr. Loud proposed to withdraw, but his friends refused to allow him to do so, and he was nominated and elected. He informed his constituents that the honor they had bestowed upon him had in no wise changed his opinions; that he was, as ever, for the gold standard, and refused to accept if there was any misunderstanding on this point. They were, however, willing to have him serve them, and since he has been in the house Mr. Loud has remained loyal to his principles, voting with the advocates of gold when the contest has been close, but casting his vote for silver when a vote either way made no difference. During his last campaign Mr. Loud made many gold speeches.

His ideas concerning the national post office have been thoroughly exploited and are well known, and no one but a lay man would deny that some of the reforms he proposes would, if they could be properly initiated and carried out, be an improvement to the service; but, like all reformers, his zeal sometimes carries him too far. On several occasions Mr. Loud has enjoyed a tilt with Lemuel Ely Quigg, of New York, and Mr. Quigg does not always come out winner. Only recently Mr. Loud said, in characterizing one of Mr. Quigg's statement as false and unfounded:

"I have oftentimes regretted that the gentleman from New York could not know as much as he assumes to know."

The Value of Antiseptics.

The following facts were recently quoted by Prof. Kober, of the Georgetown university, in illustration of the good that has been accomplished in hygiene through the introduction of germicides and antiseptics. During the Crimean war many more than half the amputations that were performed resulted in the death of the patient, the exact percentage of mortality being 73.5. During the American civil war the mortality from amputation was still 48.7 per cent. Then the new methods came to be more and more employed, and in 1890 the statistics of amputation showed that the mortality was but 6.9 per cent.

No City Councils There.

Under the laws of China the man who loses his temper in a discussion is sent to jail for five days to cool down.

Inhabitants of the Sea.

A statistician asserts that every square mile of the sea is inhabited by 120,000,000 finny creatures.

ACT OF REAL HEROISM.

Performed During the War by Delina Reader Roberts.

Unaided She Carried Twenty-Two Wounded Soldiers from a Cornfield on the Shore to a Boat in the River.

Mrs. Delina Reader Roberts is about to be presented with a medal earned by her as an act of heroism during the war of the rebellion. This is rather tardy recognition of the incident which is tremendously exciting, but Mrs. Roberts (she was Miss Reader when it happened) is none the less happy for the honor which is so deservedly bestowed upon her.

In September, 1861, and immediately following the Fort Donelson battle, which lasted three days and nights, she secured from the provost marshal at St. Louis a government pass to go aboard the government steamboat Des Moines, which was ordered to Donelson to bring back a load of wounded soldiers who had fought in the Donelson battle. Her primary object was to bring back her brother, who was wounded. At that time Miss Reader was only 17 years old.

As the Des Moines was about to leave her moorings there came aboard the Twenty-sixth Indiana infantry, a full regiment, 1,000 strong, ordered to reinforce Col. James A. Mulligan, who was at Lexington, Mo., surrounded by 25,000 of Gen. Sterling Price's men.

While passing through the most dangerous part of the country at night, where bands of guerillas were numerous, the boat ran into the bank. The office windows were all open, and Miss Reader was sitting on the high stool that belonged to the clerk of the boat. In the office were Capt. George Cayton, one of the pilots; Capt. Thomas Baldwin, the boat's captain, and Jerry Wetzell, the first engineer of the boat. The nine companies of the Twenty-sixth Indiana had marched off the boat to the cornfield.

Before the troops had time to get in line a terrific firing commenced.

DELINA READER ROBERTS.
(About to Be Presented with a Medal for Bravery Displayed During the War.)

"The bullets," says Mrs. Roberts, "were flying around us thick and fast. Engineer Wetzell stayed but a moment, and then fell on his hands and knees on the office floor, crept to the stairway that led downstairs and disappeared. After the battle I learned that he went for safety to the hold of the boat. Capt. Cayton tried to pull me off the stool, but deserted me and went on his hands and knees after the other one. Then Capt. Baldwin, of the boat, grabbed me. He, too, fell on his hands and knees and went with his head foremost down the stairs to the hold of the boat.

"As soon as he was gone I flew from my stool and ran downstairs to the gang plank and on to the cornfield. The first soldier I saw down I stopped and helped to raise. I bore him, groaning and crying with pain, to the boat. I ran as fast as I could to the field again and brought in the same manner another wounded soldier. I made 22 trips of this kind, and each time brought back a wounded man and filled the two staterooms between the wheels of the boat.

"When I ran through the cabin for another wounded soldier the men were retreating in confusion, and the lower deck and plank were full of excited and running soldiers. The four boats pulled out in the river, ran back 2½ miles and anchored until the earliest dawn of day."

After acting as hospital nurse, and on the second morning after the battle, Col. Wheatley, so says the New York Herald, invited Miss Reader out on the bow to take leave of and bid farewell to the boys, for they were leaving the boats that morning to go overland, a roundabout way, to reach Col. Mulligan. The officers of the regiment were standing on the bow of the boat. Below, on the bow of the boat, was a beautiful snow-white horse, with a new side saddle of tan and a tan bridle, which Col. Wheatley, the commander of the regiment, presented to her, in a very impressive speech, as a mark of gratitude of the officers of the regiment.

Russian Gold Production.

Russia holds the third place among gold-producing countries. Gold is only found in large quantity in the Ural mountains and east and west Siberia; the very limited output of washed gold in Finland is not of any importance. It is only natural that the Russian government should do all in its power to advance the gold mining industry. Its plan is to train up a staff of mining engineers, and to let these experts visit North America, South Africa and Australasia. It is also proposed to attempt a second extraction of gold from some of the vast quantities of residue, etc., in the various mining districts.

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From the Port Jervis Union.

At the annual banquet of the Minisink Valley Historical Society, in Port Jervis, E. H. Mott, the well known newspaper man, who has been at work for several years compiling material for a history of the Erie Railroad, read a carefully prepared historical sketch of the opening of the road to Port Jervis. He gave in graphic detail the story of the Erie's sixteen years of trial and struggle from the time it was chartered in 1832 until the first locomotive crossed the Neversink, Dec. 31st, 1847; the organization of the company in 1833; the survey for the route for the railroad in 1834; the breaking of the ground at Deposit in 1835; the cessation of work through lack of funds in 1837; the coming of the State to the aid of the undertaking in 1838; the failure of the company's efforts to acquire the advantages of that aid; the more liberal terms of State aid in 1840; the beginning of work in earnest between Piermont and Goshen, and the purchase of the first rails in England in that year; the purchase of the first rolling stock; the opening of the road to Ramapo in May, 1841, and to Goshen in September, 1841; the bankruptcy of the company in 1842, and the utter paralysis of operations until 1845, with the exception of the work in extending the road to Middletown in 1843 by private means; the releasing of the State in 1845 of the lien on the road, and the resumption of work: the opening of the road to Otisville in 1846; the change of the route from central Sullivan county to the Delaware valley in 1846, and the opening of the road to Port Jervis in 1847, the account of which, the occasion being of especial local interest, we reproduce.

During 1847 the thirteen miles of railroad between the Shawangunk Summit and Port Jervis were completed. President Loder had divided the road into sections, for the completion of which he had fixed certain dates, the finishing of the work on such dates being provided for in the contracts, a failure being attended with cost to the contractor. Thus December, 31, 1847, was the day on which the locomotive must enter Port Jervis. The work was pushed forward with all possible facility by the contractors, under the persistent spurring of Silas Seymour, the supervising engineer. The 31st day of December, 1847, came. The rails were all laid between Otisville and the east bank of the Neversink river, and were ready on the Port Jervis side of the river. But the trestle bridge was not yet completed to carry the rails across and make connection so that cars could be run to what was to be the Port Jervis or Delaware station. People from Port and from all about had flocked to the aid of the railroad laborers for days, helping in the laying of rails and the construction of the trestle. Daniel Hilferty, who kept a hotel at Carpenter's Point, threw open his house to the workers, and refreshments and good cheer of all kinds were free. The big hearted bonifface said afterward that the demand for these was so great that railroad mud from the feet of thirsty and hungry helpers covered his floors three inches deep by the time the trestle was completed.

A locomotive and two flat cars, loaded with railroad men and citizens, left Otisville in the afternoon to be the first train to run into Port Jervis on the stipulated time. Knowing the situation, bets were freely made at Otisville and Port Jervis that the train could not get to its destination in time. This construction train arrived at the east end of the unfinished trestle and added its complement of men to the crowd that was already straining every nerve to get the bridge in shape to carry the locomotive and flat cars over. It was late at night when the woodwork was ready, and the rails had yet to be put down. At a few minutes before 11 o'clock, the track was all down with the exception of a gap on one rail, and that rail had to be cut to fit the space. Whether it was a rail of extraordinary toughness or whether the excitement and suspense were so great that the workmen and the bosses lost their heads, it is impossible to say, but it is known that it took them one hour to cut the rail and spike it to its place. Then, with a tremendous shout, all of the crowd that could clambered upon the flat cars and the locomotive put on steam, crossed the Neversink and ran to the Port Jervis terminus of the road, arriving there just seventeen minutes before the advent of Jan. 1, 1848. What few people there were in the hamlet of Port Jervis were on the spot and were wild with joy and excitement. Silas Seymour was among those who rode in on the construction train. The uproarious crowd lifted him from his feet and carried him on their shoulders to the Union House, on the canal, nearly a mile from the railroad, and there tendered him all the honor and homage that shouts and revelry continued long in the night could be made to be sponsor for. The house as kept by S. O. Dimmick. It is there yet and has the distinction of being the scene of the first celebration of the New York and Erie Railroad between the Hudson and Delaware, a celebration none the less hearty and historic because it was impromptu and informal and unofficial.

The late William H. Stewart had charge of the construction train as conductor, and the engineer was "Dutch John" Zeigler, who had been Eleazer Lord's coachman, but who was promoted by Mr. Lord during his control of Erie affairs to the railroad service, where he culminated as a locomotive engineer.

(James Easton, of Otisville, who was one of the passengers on the flat car that crossed the Neversink on this memorable occasion, was among the interested guests at the Historical Society's meeting Tuesday).

The official opening was celebrated Jan. 6th, 1848, when President Loder and a train load of invited guests from New York came to Port Jervis and had a great banquet at the New York and Erie House, kept by Sam Truax, at the corner of what is now Main and Pike streets. Similar festivities ruled at the Union House, then kept by S. O. Dimmick.

(Mr. Dimmick, who is still alive in Port Jervis, honored and revered, was one of the guests at the Historical Society's banquet, Tuesday).

When the Erie was thus opened to Port Jervis it had 74 miles of railroad, 10 locomotives, 9 passenger cars, 70 eight-wheel freight cars, 7 mail and baggage cars, 1 machine shop (at Piermont), and employed 182 men in its transportation department. There are now 42 miles of track in the Port Jervis yard alone, and a single freight train frequently consists of sixty cars. To construct the road to Port Jervis from Piermont cost $3,276,678.

MOUNT SALEM.

Great Damage Done by the Ice Storm—On His Way to the Klondike—Other Notes.

Correspondence of ARGUS and MERCURY.

—The ice storm of Saturday, Sunday and Monday was the greatest one in the memory of the oldest people. It did irreparable damage to apple and peach trees, besides stripping all the branches from locust and other shade trees. Travel was impossible through wooded roads on account of fallen branches.

—Latest advices from Mort Elston, who has started for the Klondike regions, were that he was leaving Wrangle and that his next stop would be Telegraph Creek, N. W. Territory. Thus far he shows no inclination to turn back or give it up.

—Charley Cortright, of Howells, spent two or three days visiting relatives and friends at this place, this week.

—Miss Della Hoyt, of Middletown, is visiting her parents at the Hoyt homestead.

—Dr. Z. D. Elston and daughter, Katharine, are expected to visit the doctor's old home, near this place, the last of this week.

—Mrs. Ellis Van Auken is quite seriously ill at her home near Mount Salem. She is attended by Dr. Nugent, of Unionville.

—Mrs. Rebecca Carpenter is sick with a cold at the home of her son, Peter E. Carpenter.

—Cornelius Abers, of near Westtown, who has been gradually failing the past year from lung trouble, is growing weaker fast and there are not much hopes of his recovery.

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Dover, N. H., Oct. 30, 1896.

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New York Produce Market

NEW YORK, Feb. 24, '98.

BUTTER—Receipts for week 22,006 packages; exports for week ..... packages.

Creamery, tubs or pails, extra	20 @
Do., firsts	18 @19
State dairy, half firkin tubs and pails, fresh, extra	1[illegible]@17
Do., firsts	14 @16
Western dairy, firsts	@
Do., seconds	@
Western factory, extra	13½@14
Do., firsts	12½@13¼

CHEESE — Receipts for week 4 661 boxes; exports 7,690 boxes.

State factory, full cream, fancy	8½@
Full cream, fine	7 @ 8
State factory, skims	2 @ 6

POULTRY AND GAME—

LIVE POULTRY.

Chickens, per lb	8 @
Roosters, per pound	5 @ 5½
Fowls, per pound	8½@ 9
Turkeys, per pound	10 @11
Ducks, per pair	50@70
Geese, per pair	1 00@1 62

DRESSED POULTRY.

Chickens, per pound	8½@ 9
Turkeys, per pound	10@14
Fowls, State and Jersey, per pound	8½@ 9
Ducks, per pound	@

EGGS—Receipts for week ..... cases, and ..... barrels.

State and Pennsylvania, per dozen	15½@
Western, per dozen	1[illegible]@

FRUITS AND BERRIES—

Apples, per barrel	2 [illegible]@4 00
Grapes, per basket	8@ 12

VEGETABLES—

Potatoes, per barrel	2 [illegible]
Cabbages, per 100	1 [illegible]
Onions, per barrel	2 [illegible]
Celery, per dozen	@

SUNDRIES—

Beeswax, per pound	[illegible]
Honey, per pound	[illegible]

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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24—Fair and colder, Friday; southwesterly winds shifting to northwesterly.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Pronk's drug store, to-day:
7 a. m., 30°; 12 m., 46°; 3 p. m., 48°

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

—Feb 25—Kennan, Russia, Literary Club's lecture course
—Feb 26—Spelling Match, at St. Paul's Church
—Feb 28—"The Wizard of the Nile," at Casino
—March 3, 4, 5—Kinetoscope exhibition, at Casino
—March 9—Gorton's famous New Orleans Minstrels, at Casino, under management of George Lea.
—March 17—Reception and ball of St Patrick's Social Club, at Assembly Rooms.
—March 17—Masquerade ball, given by "Billy" Allison, at Casino Theatre
—March 25—Van Ingen, Greek Art, Literary Club's lecture course.
—April 15—John Thomas Concert Co., at Casino

Because biennial legislative sessions are sufficient in some of the smaller States it does not follow that they would be a good thing in a great State like New York. The movement for biennial sessions rests on the belief that there is too much law making, but unless some limit can be placed on legislative activity, biennial sessions will not afford much relief and in the pressure of business in a biennial session the possibilities of crude and ill considered legislation will be very greatly increased.

The Codes' Committee of the Senate and Assembly gave a hearing, Wednesday, on the bill to prohibit the giving of trading stamps and other trade premiums. Representatives of all the trading stamp companies spoke in opposition and representatives of merchants' associations in Binghamton, Troy and Elmira urged the enactment of the measure, declaring that the giving of stamps and trade premiums had proved a costly nuisance, and insisting that those who gave the stamps were the ones most interested in having their use prohibited.

Zola has been convicted of libeling the French army in his defence of Dreyfus, and has been sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment and to pay a fine of 3,000 francs. His trial seems to have been a burlesque on even French justice. Such evidence as he was allowed to offer more than sustained every allegation made as to the irregularity of the proceedings of the court martial that convicted Dreyfus, yet the French people, or rather the Paris rabble, clamored for his conviction, and so he was convicted, for so inflamed was the popular mind against him that his acquittal would undoubtedly have caused riots, and would probably have precipitated a political crisis that might have resulted in revolution. The worst feature of it all is that the feeling against Zola was based on the anti-Jewish prejudice against Dreyfus, and that such a prejudice could be worked up to such a pitch of frenzy is a sorry commentary on the intelligence and liberality of the French people. It is what would be expected in darkest Russia, not in progressive and enlightened Paris.

IN THE RAILROAD WORLD.

—The Pine Bush engine, No. 302, went to the Paterson shops, Tuesday night, and Engineer Mintram now has an extra numbered 435.

—The switch engine went off the tracks at the Summit, this morning. An engine assisted in replacing it, but a little later it went off again, and Inspector Skinner replaced it.

—The Susquehanna and Western has won its suit to prevent the city of Paterson extending a street through the company's freight yard. The New Jersey Supreme Court holds that a municipality has no power to extend a street through a corporation's property where it would interfere with the business of the company.

Melancholia and Its Treatment.

A very able, interesting and exhaustive article by Dr. C. Spencer Kinney, first assistant physician in the Middletown State Hospital, on "Melancholia and Its Treatment" has been reprinted in pamphlet form from the *State Hospital Bulletin*

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ALMOST A PANIC.

Wall Street Alarmed at Spanish-American Situation—Great Fall in Stock Prices.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The Stock Exchange was the scene of great excitement during the morning hours, to-day. Conditions were decidedly nervous, owing to the pessimistic view of the Spanish-American situation taken by brokers.

When the market opened at 10 o'clock there was a rush to sell stocks. Burlington dropped nearly five points, and declines of over two points on opening sales were the rule. The tendency continued downward very violently in the first ten minutes, the average fall being about three points Metropolitan Street Railway dropped twelve points, and Manhattan 9¼.

After 12 o'clock there were some marked recoveries in prices, and easier tendency marked the general list. New York Central, St. Paul and some other railroad shares recovered to within a fraction of yesterday's close.

HAS NO OFFICIAL NEWS.

Secretary Long Declares That He Is Not Suppressing News of the Maine Disaster.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24—Secretary Long, in answer to inquiries as to whether his department was suppressing information concerning the Maine disaster, wrote the following:

"No telegram has been received from either Admiral Sicard, Capt. Sigsbee or Capt. Sampson since yesterday, and the Department has received no information with regard to the disaster that has not already been made public.

"The department is awaiting the result of the inquiry, and public sentiment should be suspended until official information has been received."

LYNCH LAW IN KENTUCKY.

A Negro Burglar Taken from Jail and Hanged.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

MAYFIELD, Ky., Feb. 24—A mob of about 300 citizens of Mayfield and Graves county gathered at the jail, last night, and dragged Richard Allen, colored, from his cell and hanged him to a tree in the court yard.

Allen was a member of a gang who have committed many burglars recently. It is believed others of the gang will be lynched if caught.

THE WRECK OF THE MAINE.

Divers Finding Evidence That Explosion Was Underneath the Ship.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The *Evening Star's* Havana correspondent cables as follows: "From an examination of the interior of the wreck of the Maine divers have secured evidence which seems conclusive that the explosion came from underneath the ship."

UNDER SEALED ORDERS.

The Monitor Terror Left Norfolk, This Morning.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

NORFOLK, Feb. 24.—The monitor "Terror" left Norfolk, this morning, under sealed orders but will cruise in Hampton Roads for at least a short time Her departure created considerable excitement.

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Dolson—Ray.

Erie conductor Theophilus Dolson, of Port Jervis, and Miss Anna Ray, of Goshen, were married in New York City, Wednesday. The only witnesses were Herbert G. Dolson and Miss Isabella Dolson, son and daughter of the groom.

The couple passed through this city on No. 7, that evening, on their way to Niagara Falls.

Miss Ray is well known in this city where she gave painting lessons to several well known ladies.

Mapes—McClow.

Daniel Mapes, Erie agent at Montgomery, and Mrs. Myra McClow, were married at noon, Wednesday, Feb. 23d, at the home of the bride's brother, James Mulford, at South Centreville. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. H. Frazier.

The wedding, although quiet, was a very pleasant one. Mr. and Mrs. Mapes left at once for their new home at Montgomery, taking with them the hearty good wishes and sincere congratulations of many relatives and friends.

MaKuen—Tuthill.

From our Goshen Correspondent.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tuthill, in Hamptonburgh, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, one hundred guests gathered at the ceremonies which united in holy wedlock John MaKuen and Miss Mazie Tuthill.

Rev. John G. Oakley officiated. Miss Ida Oakley, his daughter, was bridesmaid and Dr. G. Hudson MaKuen, of Philadelphia, was groomsman.

The groom is a prosperous farmer of Goshen, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George MaKuen. The bridal couple took train 14, last night, for Philadelphia and Washington.

Strong—Loder.

A pretty home wedding occurred, Wednesday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie G. Loder, No. 18 Bonnell street, when their daughter, Miss Harriet Alice Loder, became Mrs. Floyd Wesleyne Strong.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. Newton Emery. There were 150 invited guests present from this city, Ellenville, Newburgh, Port Jervis and other places. The maid of honor was Miss Florence Clark, of Ellenville, cousin of the bride. The groomsman was Justin Schoonmaker, and the bridesmaid Miss Carolyn Clark, of Ellenville, the latter also a cousin of the bride. The ushers were Alonzo Teller and Lewis Edsall, of Ellenville.

The ceremony was performed under a floral arch, in which swung a floral wedding bell. After the ceremony a reception was held, and the couple left on O. and W. No. 6 for New York city. The party went to the station aboard a private trolley car.

Mr. and Mrs. Strong will reside in Syracuse.

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by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure Deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed Deafness is the result, and unless the inflamation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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—For kidney troubles, take Kennedy's Favorite Remedy.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—*Remember that the third page of this paper contains good local matter, today.*

—"Wizard of the Nile" at the Casino, next Monday evening.

—The fire police will meet at Waalkill engine house, to-night.

—J. F. Tuthill's shuffle boards are being repaired by W. R. Rodgers.

—The 120th Regiment, N. Y. V., held its annual re-union in Kingston, Tuesday.

—Don't forget "The Wizard of the Nile" at the Casino, next Monday evening.

—A large muskrat was killed near the court house square in Newburgh, Tuesday night.

—As a result of the recent ice storm 200 breaks were reported in the O. and W.'s telegraph line between Norwich and this city.

—A case of glanders in a Newburgh livery stable, in which there are 100 horses, has been brought to the notice of the State Board of Health.

—The Argus acknowledges the receipt of a complimentary ticket for the grand masquerade ball to be given by Wm. Allison Davis, on St. Patrick's day.

—Over 18,000 quarts of milk are now received daily at the New York Condensed Milk Co's condensery at Delhi, and the quanity is increasing every day.

—Long service medals were presented, Tuesday night, to five members of the Fifth Separate Company of Newburgh. Twelve members now wear these decorations.

—At George DeWire's auction in Arena, Delaware county, Thursday, cows averaged over $40 a head. Oats sold for forty-one cents a bushel and buckwheat for thirty-two cents.

—Mrs. B. Robshaw found a pocketbook while attending the Felter funeral at the First Baptist Church, Tuesday. The owner may obtain it at Mr. Robshaw's shop on Canal street.

—A family of seven persons in the town of Andes, Delaware county, have consumed thirteen barrels of flour within a year and have made way with 700 pounds of buckwheat since Nov. 1st.

—A McQuoid Engine Company uniform belt was lost, Monday night, between the Casino and Beattie avenue, going by way of Depot street, to North street, to Railroad avenue. The finder will please leave at this office.

—The scenery and stage paraphernalia carried for Kirk La Shelle's big comic opera production, "The Wizard of the Nile," which will be produced at the Casino next Monday evening, cannot be got into two ordinary-sized baggage cars. Extra large cars are furnished by railroads for this production.

PERSONAL.

—D. W. Bogart, of Huguenot, was in this city, to-day.

—H. S. Chardavoyne, of Goshen, went to Buffalo, Thursday, after a carload of horses.

—Miss Delia Yonmans, who has been one of L. Stern's competent saleswomen, has resigned her position.

—Miss Grace Owen has been spending the past week with friends in Middletown and Washingtonville.—*Warwick Dispatch.*

—Mrs. DeWitt Knapp, of Cochecton, who has been visiting Mrs. W. H. Knapp for the past fortnight, went to Montgomery, to-day.

—Edgar L. Denton, a prominent lawyer, who is the Democratic candidate for mayor of Elmira, was born in the town of Goshen. He has resided in Elmira for many years and has held many important offices, having been district attorney of Chemung county and city judge.

THE OLD SURROGATE'S BUILDING

Bids for Its Remodeling Opened Today—W. C. Altman, of Goshen, Given the Contract.

The Building Committee of the Board of Supervisors opened at noon, to-day, the bids for the remodeling of the old Surrogate's building in Goshen so as to fit it for the needs of the Surrogate and County Treasurer. The contract was awarded to the lowest bidder, W. C. Altman, of Goshen.

The bidders were: C. B. Terwilliger, Middletown, $4,150; P. F. Miller, Middletown, $4,317; John Wood, Middletown, $3,715; William C. Altman, Goshen, $3,509; Joseph R. Weir, Goshen, $4,245.

Musicale and Spelling Match at St. Paul's Church.

Friday evening there will be a musicale and a spelling match at St. Paul's Church, for the benefit of the primary department. Twenty excellent spellers will take part, and no doubt it will be found very entertaining, judging from its success in other cities. Admission 10 cents. 79d3t

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IN BONDHOLDERS' HANDS.

MIDDLETOWN-GOSHEN TRACTION COMPANY PASSES INTO BONDHOLDERS' CONTROL.

A Change in the Board of Directors Made, Monday—A Majority of the Board Representative of the Bondholders' Interest—A Receivership Not Likely—Indebtedness to the City to Be Paid—Plans of the New Management—Defaulted Interest and Heavy Floating Debt.

At a meeting of the directors of the Middletown-Goshen Traction Company held in the city of New York, Monday afternoon, Feb. 21st, a change in the Board of Directors, and consequently in the management of the road, was made. The following named persons were made directors: Isaac M. Thomas, Wilkesbarre, Pa.; David A. Hunter, William M. Doughton, Joseph R. Brosius, Philadelphia, Pa.; Robert Wetherill, Chester, Pa.

The following named persons who were members of the old Board were retained: James C. Hinchliffe, John Hinchliffe, Paterson, N. J.; Merle J. Wightman, Stapleton, N. Y.; William B. Royce, Middletown.

The new board organized by the election of the following officers:

President—Robert Wetherill.
Vice President—Isaac M. Thomas.
Sec. and Treas.—Wm. H. Doughton.

The newly elected directors are all of them bondholders, or representatives of bondholders, and it may, therefore, be said that the road has passed into the hands of the bondholders.

It is the intention of the bond holders, through the new company, to make some satisfactory adjustment of the floating indebtebness and to pay in full, at a very early date all taxes and charges of that nature against the property.

It is understood that the claim for paving in favor of the City of Middletown, being in the form of an assessment and also in judgment, will be paid in full according to the terms of the contract entered into between the city and the company a short time since.

It is the intention of the new company to make such changes and repairs as will put the road in thorough first class condition and it will be so operated as to accomodate our citizens in the future as well as it has in the past, and if any changes in operation can be made that will be for the mutual benefit of the road and its patrons they will be introduced at once.

It has been talked for some time that the road would go into the hands of a receiver. We are officially informed that that is not the wish of the present management, and such action will be prevented if possible.

The road defaulted in the January interest on its $275 000 of bonds. It has besides a floating debt of about $32,000, inclusive of its indebtedness to the city.

The capital stock of the company was $400,000, nearly all of which was issued on construction account.

The road has always paid its employes promptly, but of late has been somewhat slow. The men were paid, yesterday, for the week ending Feb 12th, leaving the wages for the week ending Feb. 19th still due.

GEORGE KENNAN'S LECTURE.

Russia Will Be His Subject at the First Congregational Church, Friday Evening.

George Kennan's lecture on Russia at the First Congregational Church, Friday evening, is given under the auspices of the women's literary clubs and should attract a very large audience, for it will be well worth hearing.

Mr. Kennan is a recognized authority on Russia, and it has been said of him many times that he knows more about Russia than most Russians. He has traveled in all parts of the country, closely observing everything and getting closely in touch with the people, and he has the literary talent necessary to embody the results of his observations in attractive form and the oratorial gifts necessary to pleasingly present them from the lecture platform.

The New York *Times* says of him:

Mr. Kennan is an agreeable speaker, has a fine command of language, his enunciation is refreshingly distinct, and he interests from the very start. The lecture was bright and taking from the beginning to the end. It abounded in valuable information and was interspersed liberally with a wholesome humor that the audience were not slow to recognize.

A Rattling Good Pointer.

The New York *Herald* in its notes on the dog show says:

A rattling good pointer is Ridgeview Blithesome, owned by George N. Clemson, with the plenty of style, good bone, head and front with which Ch Lad of Kent generally stamps his get. The neck was emphasized in the success of his sister, which won second.

Dime Social and Entertainment.

Gen. Lyon W. R. C., No. 180, will give a dime social and entertainment, next Tuesday evening, March 1, at Mrs. Odell's, 46 James street. The Harmonica Club and other talent will be present. A programme will appear later.

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HIGHWAY ROBBERY BY DAYLIGHT

Three Vagrants, Discharged from Goshen Jail, This Morning, Beat a Man, Rob Him and Leave Him Unconscious Along the Railroad Track—Farmer John Bennett's Lucky Escape—Wounded Man Taken to Orange Farm—The Highwaymen Arrested at Florida.

At 10:30 o'clock, this morning, employes of the Orange County Milk Association's condensery, near Goshen, saw four men fighting on the Pine Island railroad track, near the condensery.

It was the busy time of day at the condensery and the employes, having no special interest in what they thought to be merely a Dago scrap, did not think it worth while to investigate its cause or its results to separate the combatants.

When the milk train came along at 11:20 the engineer saw the body of a man lying along the railroad track. The train was stopped and investigation showed that the man was unconscious from many severe blows about the head. The man was taken on the train to Orange Farm station, and the Superintendents of the Poor having been notified he was placed in the Alms House infirmary. He has several bad wounds on the scalp, and one of the blows laid his forehead open. The blows were evidently inflicted by a heavy club.

The man regained partial consciousness, this afternoon, but up to 2 o'clock had not been able to speak sufficiently to give an account of himself or any description of his assailants. He is apparently a stranger in this section, for he has not been recognized by any of those who have seen him.

On arriving at Florida, Conductor Benrose, of the milk train, telegraphed to Goshen's police the fact that he had picked up the wounded man and gave such facts concerning the assault as he was able to gather. Some further details were also telephoned to Goshen from the condensery.

Officer Van Leuvan and Deputy Sheriff Frank Hock at once started in pursuit of the man's assailants who, it was learned, had continued along the railroad track in the direction of Florida.

On reaching the condensery they learned that John Bennett, a farmer who lives between there and Florida, while walking down the track toward Goshen, this morning, had been set upon by three men, apparently umbrella members. Their object was evidently robbery, but Mr. Bennett was lucky enough to escape them, and he ran from the track to Mr. Rutan's house at the condensery.

He had left his mother at home alone, and as the railroad track runs near the house, he was uneasy on her account, and got Mr. Rutan to hitch up his horse and take him home. When they reached the house Mr. Bennett found his mother all right, the three men having passed the house without stopping.

The officers overtook the three men in Florida, this afternoon, and arrested them. One of them admitted the assault on the man found along the track, but the other two refused to say anything.

Deputy Sheriff Hock recognized the three men as short term prisoners who had been discharged from Goshen jail, this morning.

The prisoners were brought to Goshen, this afternoon, and again committed to jail.

MUST SUPPORT HIS WIFE.

William Keough Required to Give Bonds to Pay Her $2.50 a Week.

The roseate promises of happiness that Recorder Barnes showered on the first couple he united in marriage, William Keough and Maggie Kilroe, are not being realized. Perhaps the trouble is that the couple did not think the knot he tied binding enough, and had it double-tied afterward at Monticello. At all events there was a hoodoo somewhere, for the couple appeared before the recorder again, this morning, Mrs. Keough as complainant charging her husband with non-support.

The courtroom was crowded all through the trial.

Keough was found guilty, and Recorder Barnes instructed him to procure two bondsmen who would insure his paying his wife $2.50 a week, or spend six months in the county jail.

The bond was furnished, this afternoon, by his mother and another party.

Death of an Old O. and W. Engineer.

Andrew Bennett, one of the first engineers on the O. and W. railroad and in the harness up to three years ago, died in the State Hospital at Ogdensburgh, Friday, aged sixty years.

Will Speak on the Armenian Question

Rev. Mr. Samuelian will speak on the Armenian question at the Friday afternoon meeting at Grace church.

Maennerchor Will Give a Stiftungsfest

The Germania Maennerchor has arranged to give a Stiftungsfest at their hall, March 9.

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AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN TOWN.

Meeting of County Lodge of Good Templars—Private Dance—Meeting of Church Trustees—Colored Church Fair—Other Notes.

From Our Regular Correspondent

—Orange County Lodge of Good Templars will hold its quarterly meeting, to-morrow, in the rooms of Goshen Lodge. A public meeting will be held in the Methodist Church in the evening which will be addressed by Grand Chief Templar Hooker. Wilson's orchestra and a male double quartette will furnish music.

—A private dance was held at Purdy's Hall, Wednesday night, by a number of young people of this village. It was in all respects an enjoyable affair.

—The of trustees St. John's Church will meet at 8 o'clock, to-night, in the basement of the church.

—The A. U. M. P. Church fair is being well patronized. A concert is given each evening under the direction of Charles Van Dyke.

—The Last Epworth League lecture will be given at the M. E. Church, to-night.

—A meeting of the Good Templars will be held at their rooms, to-night.

OBITUARY.

Halstead—Ogg.

From Our Mount Hope Correspondent.

A quiet wedding occurred at the parsonage one day recently, when Oscar Halstead and Miss Effie Estelle Ogg, of Port Jervis, were united in marriage by Rev. Luther Littell.

John G. Picot.

John G Picot, whose death was briefly mentioned Wednesday, was born in New York city, March 18th, 1853, and was a son of John G. and Jennie (Filiel) Picot. He removed to Middletown fifteen years ago, where he has carried on the business of mason and builder.

He is survived by his wife and six children, four sons and two daughters, Harrison J., Samuel J., Burt, Frank, Nellie E. and Hettie J., all residing at home. He is also survived by his father and mother, at Dingman's Ferry, Pa., and two brothers and three sisters, as follows: Philip, of Newark, N. J.; George, of Dingman's Ferry; Jennie, wife of P. J. Orben, Elizabeth, wife of William Irwin, and Mary, wife of Lewis Rockwell, all of Newark, N. J.

Mr. Picot was a member of St. Paul's M. E. Church, and an honorary member of Ontario Hose Company.

ENSIGN POWELSON'S TESTIMONY

Made a Profound Impression on the Court of Inquiry.

Havana Despatch in New York Herald.

Ensign Powelson who is an expert naval constructor, was the most important witness of Wednesday. His testimony, with results of investigation already made under the water-line, made a profound impression on the Court of Inquiry.

A Costly Wedding Gift.

Among the many beautiful and valuable gifts received at the MaKuen—Tuthill wedding, last night, in Hamptonburgh, was an elegant cabinet grand Kingsbury piano from Munn's music store. It was a gift to the bride from the happy groom

Mendelssohn's beautiful wedding march was very happily rendered by W. Miller Biggin.

Two Kinds of Schoharie County Justice

A half-witted chap named Hogeboom pleaded guilty to stealing a tub of butter at the court held in Schoharie recently, and was sent to State prison for two years and one month. A Cobleskill man, who was arrested for assaulting his mother-in-law, was sent to jail for three months.

Hudson River Telephone Line Repaired.

The large force of linemen who have been repairing the damage done by the storm to the Hudson River telephone line between this city and Port Jervis completed their work, Wednesday, and returned to Newburgh, to-day.

Won a Gold Watch.

The ladies' gold watch, which was raffled on Tuesday evening, Feb. 22nd, for the benefit of St. Sylvia's Church, Tivoli, N. Y., was won by Miss Elizabeth F. Moran, of Middletown.

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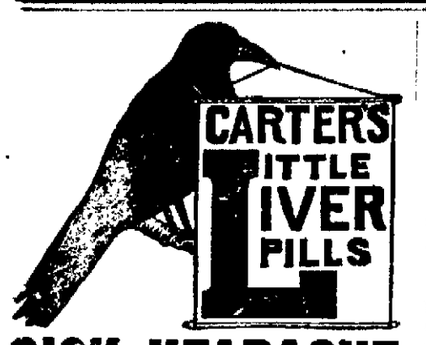

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Dated August 23d, 1897.

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SLEEP, WORK AND LONGEVITY.

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Some of the greatest workers of our day have done with much less than eight hours of sleep, says the British Medical Journal. Dr. James Legge, professor of Chinese in the University of Oxford, who has just died at the age of 82, was, it is said, in the habit of rising at three a. m. and allowing himself only five hours of sleep. Brunel, the famous engineer, for a considerable part of his life worked nearly 20 hours a day. Sir George A. Elliott, afterward Lord Heathfield, who was in command throughout the great siege of Gibraltar, which lasted four years, never during all that time slept more than four hours out of the 24. "As I get old," said Humboldt, "I want more sleep—four hours at least. When I was young, two hours of sleep were quite enough for me." On Prof. Max Muller hinting that he found this a hard saying, Humboldt said: "It is quite a mistake, though it is very widely spread, that we want seven or eight hours of sleep. When I was your age I simply lay down on the sofa, turned down my lamp, and after two hours' sleep I was as fresh as ever." He lived to be 89. These examples are, to use the consecrated phrase of the hagiographers, more for admiration than for imitation; but they serve to show that longevity and a small allowance of sleep are not in all cases incompatible.

RAT HUNTS IN OHIO.

Opposing Armies Frequently Resort to Trickery.

Rat hunts are becoming very common in these parts, says a Bloomingburg (O.) correspondent, and it is just being discovered that some very smooth tricks are being played by the opposing "armies" of hunters. A rat hunt has just been concluded here in which 11,455 rat tails were counted, and a supper was given to the winners. One crowd brought in 6,802 tails and the other 4,653 tails. It now leaks out that one of the leaders of the winning crowd bought from parties at Madison Mills who had recently held a rat hunt 1,486 tails, paying one cent each for the first 1,000 tails and two-thirds of a cent for 486 of them, the tails costing more than $12. This enabled this crowd to come out victorious. When the tails were purchased a man from another place was present, but was not willing to pay so much for the tails.

When the 11,455 tails were counted out here a man was present from Plain City and offered to give $25 cash for 2,600 rat tails, but they were all burned, and he was not allowed to take any away. It now appears that the same rat tails frequently win victories in many different rat hunts.

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Leather coats are worn in the west by truckmen and policemen and hunters and lumbermen. The leather coat is serviceable and warm, without great bulk. The duck shooter lying, perhaps, for hours in a battery, waiting, keeps warm in a leather coat. The sportsman after big game wears a leather coat. It keeps the wearer warm without impeding his movements.

A leather coat is sometimes worn under another coat for the sake of its warmth, as, perhaps, by a policeman. And the leather coat may be worn with the corduroy side out, so that more leather coats are worn here in cities than might be supposed.

WHY THE COWS LIKED TO LOOK.

She Was No Longer Sensitive About Her Large Feet.

They were in a St. Louis shoe store the other day, says the Sunday Republic, and this is what was overheard. The speaker was an elegantly dressed woman with a smiling face. She was a large woman and the shoe clerk was looking for a comfortable shoe for her.

"You know I have such long feet," she said to her friend. "The size of my feet was a great trial to me. The children at home always teased me, and I often cried because they were so ugly. At 14 my feet were as large as they are now.

"An old neighbor of ours, who lived on an adjoining farm, was something of a wag. He was more of a hunter than a farmer, and he often teased us children. He would rather talk to us than to our elders.

"One day he said to me: 'The cows are glad when they see you walking 'round, Molly.'

"'Why?' said I.

"'Because when they look at your feet they know their hide will never have to be cut. It will take a whole hide to make a shoe for you.'"

Swedish Firewomen.

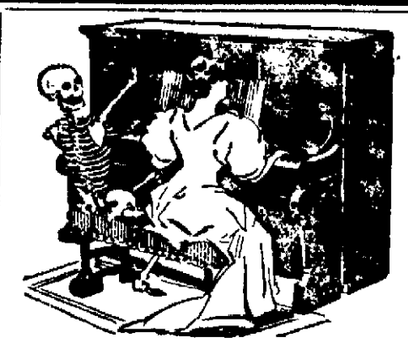
At the jubilee festivities of King Oscar of Sweden and Norway, one of the features that appeared most to interest him was the exhibition of the female fire brigade of Koenissen. There are 150 of these young women, from 20 to 30 years old, directed by a male commander, who is married.

From a Poetic Engineer.

At the Topeka office of the Atchison the following dispatch announcing an accident was received from an engineer on a western Kansas division: "On No. 2, have busted flue, what shall I do? O'Donahue."

Ostrich Industry.

In the last 20 years the ostrich industry in South Africa has increased from $500,000 annually to $5,000,000.



A duet with death. It is one of the grim realities of life that in a brilliant city drawing-room and modest country parlor, at city reception and country party, the pretty and cultured young woman, who charms every one with her mastery of music, is frequently almost within the clutch of death. The woman who through ignorance or carelessness neglects the delicate and important organs distinctly feminine, is trifling with death. At the best she is dooming herself to a life of ill-health and agony.

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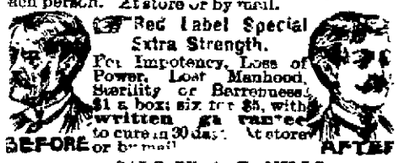
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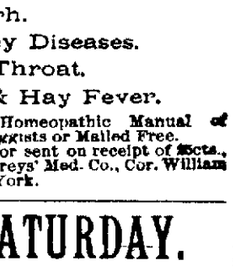

COLD in HEAD

REMOVING THE KINKS.

Colored Ministers in Washington Preach That "Flesh is Vanity."

The colored ministers of Washington are preaching that "flesh is vanity" from a point of view which does not give their white brethren any trouble, says a correspondent in the St Louis Globe-Democrat. Displayed in a show window on one of the principal shopping streets is this sign:

"Attention, colored people! Blank's take-out-kink will take the kink out of your hair and make it silky, soft, pliable and beautiful."

Then follow instructions for the use accompanied by the guarantee of harmlessness, and by other statements calculated to encourage the application of the preparation. But the sign is not what draws the colored people to the window and causes them to remain there with admiring gaze. The bottom of the show window is piled high with black hair in the natural state. There is enough to make a good beginning with a mattress. Above are exhibits of what "Blank's take-out-kink" can do. Switches and bangs and braids and other forms of black hair, soft and glossy and wavy, are shown in strong contrast with the raw material underneath. The sight is temptation. Colored pastors of Washington have discovered that the fashion to experiment with "take-out-kink" is sweeping through their congregations. They are denouncing from the pulpit in vigorous language the wickedness of trying to change the natural order of capillary growth.

A TRAVELING CAT.

The Queer Conduct of a New Jersey Feline.

Tramp cats are common articles, but a cat that steals rides in freight cars is a little out of this line. Such a cat is the property of Operator Percy Vankirk, who works for the Pennsylvania railroad at Manunka Chunk, N. J., the junction point of the Pennsylvania road and the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad. Early in the summer when a car of freight from Kensington, Pa., was opened at Manunka Chunk out jumped a yellow cat, which made its home with the operator from that time. The operator named the cat Yellow Kid. It became the pet of all the trainmen and employes around the station. Since that time Yellow Kid has made several short trips on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, and has been located and returned to his home without injury each trip. Not long ago he again disappeared after the afternoon freight had left and as he could not be found agents at all stations where cars were sent were notified to be on the lookout for the Kid. Three days after word was received that he was visiting the boys in the Trenton freight house, he having arrived that afternoon, after making a 75-mile trip, and being on the road nearly two days. He was returned to his owner the next evening. Vankirk is now having a tag made to be worn by the cat so as to insure his safe return when the "curse of the wandering foot" seizes him.

WOMEN IN AUSTRALIA.

Well-Formed and Pretty, But Greatly Lacking in Grace.

A description of the Australian belle reads not unlike that which calumniators are wont to ascribe to the Chicago girl. They are said to be, though pretty, tall and well formed, not graceful. Her feet are seldom small, her hands rarely beautiful. Moreover, she does not dress well. Her toilet has none of the chic of the Parisienne's and little of the sobriety of the Englishwoman's. Overdressed or dowdy, she produces the impression not only of having little taste, but no artistic sense of the fitness of things. Stylish and elegant women are to be seen more frequently in Melbourne than elsewhere.

Nevertheless, dress is dear to the soul of an Australian, and much is spent upon it. Down in the lowest social grades dress plays a most important part. The Australian hugs the idea of equality, and believing in uniformity of dress as the visible sign thereof, often sacrifices actual comfort to obtain fashionable clothing. An Australian family makes a brave show on holidays. There may be bare feet and rags in the house, but there are cheap feathers and gloves in the street.

STRUGGLING YOUNG AUTHOR.

His Pathway Lighted Up by Another Bright Ray of Hope.

"One concern to which I send manuscripts," said the struggling young author, according to the New York Sun, "now returns them without the customary printed form of declination. This is a source of great pleasure to me. When I get a manuscript back with the regular printed form I feel like a clean outsider, as though the treatment of me were purely mechanical and formal, as though my manuscript had gone through a mill and come out at the other end with the printed form attached.

"But the absence of the printed declination seems to indicate that the manuscript comes from within the inner circle; from a person and not from the mill. It seems to have been nearer to acceptance; closer to the current upon which I should like to see it launched. Of course it may be that the absence of the form is due to motives of economy, so many would be required in communication with me, but I prefer to think that it is an unbending [illegible] that it puts me at least among [illegible] may some time be called."

[illegible] Tramp.

[illegible] tramp told the police [illegible] a tub of axle grease, put it in [illegible] boxes and peddled it from house to house as corn salve. He says he [illegible] two boxes of it to the man whose axle [illegible] stole.

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Dated November 23d, 1897.

MARY S. BERRY, Administratrix.
S. M. BOYD, Attorney for Administratrix.
d Wed&m May 4

IN Pursuance of an order of the Surrogate of the county of Orange, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against the estate of Lucinda Horton Yocum, late of the city of Middletown, in said county, deceased, that they are required to present the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, the executor of the last will and testament of said deceased, at his office, No. 16 East Main street in the city of Middletown, on or before the 14th day of April next.

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A Vicious Man.

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"Nail."

"Nail?"

"Yes, Nail—N-a-i-l."

"What induced you to give the animal such a queer name?"

"Nail is the most appropriate name imaginable. My wife can't drive him."—N. Y. World.

A Damaging Secret.

"I deem it pwopah to tell you," said Codling to the hotel clerk, when he registered, after his visit to "the other side," "that I am the son of an English duke, doncher know."

"All right," replied the clerk, "don't be afraid. I'll not expose you if you keep your board bill paid a week in advance."—Harlem Life.

Family Ties.

My wife and I at the window one day
Stood watching the organ man's monkey,
When a cart came along in which a boy
Sat driving a long-eared donkey.
Said I to my wife by way of a joke:
"There's your relative in that carriage."
She glanced at the donkey and made reply:
"Ah, yes—we're related by marriage."
—Chicago Daily News.

NOT EXACTLY ALIKE.

"So you were gagged and bound by bandits, eh? Quite like a comic opera!"

"No, sir! There was nothing of the comic opera style about them. The gags they used were new."—London Idler.

Investigations.

It is an old-time fact: and still
Anew 'twill oft surprise the land.
Folks seem to know a lot until
You get them on the witness stand.

In the Early Morning.

The Wife—Did you ever hear such language as that man in the next flat is using?

The Husband—He must be mad clean through.

"Do you suppose he's asleep?"

"No, that's the trouble; he's awake and he's addressing his conversation to his alarm clock."—Yonkers Statesman.

Natural.

Gregory—St. Valentine, it is said, was a confirmed old bachelor, and never knew anything at all about love, courtship or marriage. It seems strange that he should have been chosen as their patron saint.

Grump—Not at all; he was able to imagine them delightful.—N. Y. World.

Touched a Sensitive Chord.

First Boarder (reading)—"On the morning of the execution the condemned man partook of a hearty breakfast—"

Second Boarder—Why do the papers publish those harrowing details?—Puck.

His Promise.

"And you will never think of letting me build the kitchen fire?" she said, as she shook the rice out of her parasol.

"No," he answered, earnestly; "I never will. If it becomes necessary, we'll move the stove out in the dining-room."—Washington Star.

Agricultural Financiering.

First Bill Collector—Trying to find Ardup?

Second Bill Collector—Yes. I want to see if it's possible to extract "sugar" from a dead beat.

First Bill Collector—Better take a cane along.—Chicago Tribune.

The Sweet Young Thing.

"Really," said the sweet young thing who had just married a rich husband, "I never imagined that I wanted so many things until I got a husband who can give me everything I want."—Town Topics.

The Usual Result.

"Why, Tommy, your clothes are spattered from head to foot. Have you been playing in the slush?"

"Nope. Been writing with that new fountain pen Uncle Ben give me."—Detroit Free Press.

Test of Feminine Character.

Mrs. Budds—Mrs. Cromer is a woman of remarkable strength of mind.

Mrs. Judds—Is she?

Mrs. Budds—Yes. She never buys anything she doesn't want.—Odds and Ends.

Too Early to Tell.

William Ann—Hear you have a new baby at your house; is it a boy or a girl?

Chappie—How should I know; they haven't named it yet.—Harlem Life.

How He Shone.

"Does young Mr. Slimmins shine in society?" asked a young woman.

"Some," replied Miss Cayenne; "especially about the coat sleeves."—Washington Star.

An Adept.

"Doesn't Isabel use a good deal of face powder?"

"Face powder? She ought to belong to the plasterers' union."—Chicago Record.

A Tipsy Pair.

"Jack and Jill went down the hill"—
And on the downward track,
Full many a man his course began
With a gill of apple-jack.

MIDDLETOWN TIME TABLES.

Erie Railroad Co.

Trains leave from Middletown Stations, beginning Nov. 28, 1897, and continuing until further notice, as follows:

Trains marked with * run daily. Trains Nos. 601, 625, 617, 625 and run Sundays only. All other trains daily except Sunday. Trains Nos. 1 & 6 will stop only for passengers for Binghamton or west thereof—due notification must be given at the ticket office. Trains with the following letters affixed indicate connection, viz.: "G" with Newburg Branch via Greycourt; "T" with Newburg Short-cut Branch via Turners; "A" with Newburgh short cut via Arden. "M" with Montgomery Branch, and "P" with Pine Island Branch.

GOING EAST.

No.	James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
* 12	Chicago Ex. ..... 4.19 a.m.	
* 10	New York Special..... 6.01 "	
28	Middletown Way..... 6.50 "	....6.55 a.m
14	Orange Co. Ex. (G.M.).... 7.10 "	....7.19 "
32	Mountain Ex. T ..... 8.32 "	.... 8.38 "
30	Del. Val. Ex. (M.P.G.)...10.45 "	
* 6	W. Mail, (G. exc't pt Sa).12.55 p.m.	...12.57 p.m
20	Way, A. M. P. G..... 4.10 "	....4.12 "
* 2	C. & G. T. Ex. "A"..... 5.00 "	
* 8	C. & St. L. Limited,.... 5.55 "	
22	P. J. Local T..... 7.26 "	...7.28
14	Wells Fargo Express..10.40 "	
606	P. J. Local (Sun only) M. P. and G. T..... 8.00 a.m.	
620	P. J. Local(Sun only)"G" 8.00 p.m.	
18	Milk (Sunday only).... 6.55 p.m.	

GOING WEST.

No.	James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
* 17	Milk ..... 6.47 a.m.	
21	Port Jervis Way..... 10.36 "	....10.38 a.m
* 1	Day Express..... 12.55 "	
9	Corning Express..... 11.26 "	
11	Port Jervis Local..... 1.04 p.m.	.... 1.07 p.m
25	Port Jervis Exp..... 3.40 "	.... 3.57 "
* 5	C. & St. L. Exp..... 4.15 "	
27	Mountain Exp..... 5.42 "	.... 5.50 "
15	Orange Co. Exp..... 5.46 "	.... 5.51 "
26	Middletown Way ar.... 8.05 "	.... 8.09 "
*	C. & G. T. Exp..... 9.34 "	
29	Way ..... 9.13 "	
8	Chicago Exp..... 11.19 "	
601	Sunday Local..... 10.55 a.m.	
625	P. J. Way (Sun only)... 3.05 p.m	
617	" " " ..19 29	

Passenger trains for Middletown leave foot of Chamber street, New York, at *4.00, 7.45, 9.15, 10.30 a.m.; 1.00, 3.30, 4.30, 5.30, 6.30, *7.30, *8.45 p.m. Also additional Sunday trains at 7.45 a.m. 12.30 and 7.30 p.m.

Crawford Branch.

GOING NORTH.

No	Leave for	James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
101	Pine Bush Mail.....	11 55 a.m.	.....11.40 a.m
*118	" " "		..... 6.55 p.m
201	Sun. only.....	11.60	.....11.10 a.m

GOING SOUTH.

*198	Arrive from Pine Bush		6.16 a.m
150	" " " "		5.40 pm

LOCATIONS OF FIRE ALARM BOXES.

For the information of our readers, we publish below a complete list of the numbers and locations of all the fire alarm boxes in this city:

14—Wickham Ave., cor. Prince, O. & W. R. R.
15—North street and Low avenue, hat shops.
16—North St. and Wisner Ave., type shop.
17—Railroad avenue and Montgomery street.
18—Grand avenue and Prince street.
22—Wickham avenue, corner Liberty street.
24—West Main street and Wallkill avenue.
25—North street, corner Wickham avenue.
26—James and Henry streets.
27—North and John streets, Erie crossing.
28—Lake avenue and West street.
29—W. Main street, corner Monhagen avenue.
212—State Hospital Gate.
214—Prospect street and Highland avenue.
215—Rear of State Hospital.
24—Fulton and Mill streets, hat shop.
25—High and Hanford streets.
26—Canal street, condensery.
27—Mulberry and Fulton streets.
28—Fairview avenue and South street.
41—Fulton street and East avenue.
[illegible]—Academy avenue and Houston avenue.
[illegible]—East Main street and Railroad avenue.
45—East Main street, foot of Orchard street.
46—Academy avenue and Genung street.
47—Myrtle and Prospect avenue.
48—Grant street and Sprague avenue.
49—East Main street and Prospect avenue.
54—North street, near Orchard.
57—Franklin Square.
21—Rung before a box number, denotes that a test is being made.
1 stroke denotes circuit broken.
2-2-2 strokes of bell denotes Chief's call.
3 strokes of bell denotes 12 o'clock time.
4 strokes of bell denotes recall, fire is out.

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MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used by millions of mothers for their children while teething. If disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child, suffering and crying with pain of Cutting Teeth, send at once and get a bottle of "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for Children Teething. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Depend upon it mothers, there is no mistake about it. It cures Diarrhœa, regulates the Stomach and Bowels, cures Wind Colic, softens the Gums, reduces Inflammation and gives tone and energy to the whole system. "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for children teething is pleasant to the taste and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States. Price twenty-five cents a bottle. Sold by all druggists throughout the world. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP. d&w

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The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

NEW YORK, ONTARIO AND WESTERN RAILWAY.

Time Table in Effect Dec. 12th, 1897.

NORTH BOUND.

STATIONS.	11 *	8 On't Day Exp	27	7 Buffalo Exp	5 * Chicago Lmt
N. Y. Leave	A M	A M		P M	P M
Franklin St.	8 30	7 40		3 01	5 55
W. 42d St.,	8 35	7 45		3 15	6 15
Weehawken	8 05	8 10		2 50	6 30
Cornwall	6 16	9 45		5 08	7 50
Otisville	6 22	9 53		5 08	
Orr's Mills	6 25	9 55		5 10	
Little Brit'n	6 30	10 03		5 23	
Burnside	6 36	10 16		5 40	
Campbell H	7 07	10 22		5 40	8 10
Stony Ford	7 15	10 28		5 41	
M'town Main St.	7 38	10 48		6 06	
M'town ar	7 40	10 45		6 10	8 26
M'town lv	8 45	11 55		8 15	8 46
Winterton	9 10	11 59		6 33	
Bloom'g'bg	9 21	11 15		6 38	
Wurtsboro	9 26	11 19		6 49	
Summitville	9 38	11 30		6 51	
Ellenv'le ar	10 01	11 50		7 10	
Ellenville lv				7 20	
Fallsburgh	10 32	12 05		7 27	
Hurleyville	10 38	12 12		7 33	
Ferndale	11 16	01 22		7 38	
Liberty	11 30	12 39		7 44	9 56
Parksville	11 45	12 49		7 55	
Lv'gst'n M'r	12 00	12 53		8 08	10 12
Rockland	12 15	1 08		8 23	
Cadosia	1 20	2 00		A M	10 36
Walton	2 10	2 45		12 35	11 22
Maywood		3 14		2 0	
Sidney		3 40	4 4	2 10	12 15
N'rwich ar		4 3	A M	2 30	12 58
N'rwich lv		4 35	7 30	P M	1 08
Castle		6 06	9 10		2 12
Oneida ar		6 10	9 15		2 17
Oneida lv		6 15	9 30		
Fulton		7 27	10 58		3 31
Oswego ar		8 20	11 20		3 50
		P M	P M		A M

SOUTH BOUND.

STATIONS.	6 * New York Exp	12 *	50 Local	14 Delhi Ex	2 N Y Day Exp	42 Norwich Exp
Oswego lv	A M 11 20	P M	A M 7 15	A M	A M 6 45	P M 2 55
Oneida ar			12 22		6 46	5 06
Oneida lv	12 56		1 0		6 50	5 20
Castle			1 15	P M	6 53	5 23
Norwich ar	2 09		6 15	6 47	10 37	7 15
Norwich lv	2 14		P M	6 52	10 42	P M
Sidney	3 05			7 50	11 40	
Maywood				8 08	1 57	
Walton	3 50	12 15	A M	8 40	1237	
Cadosia	4 31	1 30	P M	9 20	1 20	
Rockland		2 38	6 00		2 10	
Lv'gst'n M'r	5 07	3 00	6 14		2 35	
Parksville		3 16	6 23		2 57	
Liberty	5 36	3 35	6 36		3 51	
Ferndale		3 41	6 41		n2 56	
Hurleyville		4 04	6 50		3 08	
Fallsburgh		4 19	6 57		3 14	
Centreville		4 40	7 04		n3 20	
Mount'n D.		4 50	7 10		n3 25	
Summitville		5 10	7 26		3 45	
Wurtsboro		5 20	7 33		n3 52	
Bloom'g'bg		5 28	7 38		3 57	
Winterton		5 36	7 43		n4 02	
M'town ar	6 23	5 55	8 00		4 20	
M'town lv	6 43	6 30	8 10		4 30	
M'town Main St.		6 22	8 2		4 32	
Stony Ford		6 59	8 25		4 46	
Campb'll H.		7 5	8 31		4 52	
Burnside		7 22	8 35		4 57	
Little Brit'n		7 33	8 46		5 08	
Orr's Mills		7 36	8 48		5 19	
Firthcliffe		7 40	8 52		5 21	
Cornwall	7 23	8 30	9 02		5 28	
Weehawken	8 45	10 50	10 30		7 00	
New York W. 42d St.,	9 00	11 00	10 40		7 10	
N. Y. Franklin St	9 15	11 30	10 55		7 25	
	P M	P M	A M		P M	

* Runs daily, all other trains daily except Sunday.

† Signifies that trains will stop on signal for passengers.

n Signifies that trains will stop for or to leave New York passengers only.

¶ Stop for meals.

Trains leave Cadosia 2 05 p. m. for Scranton, Carbondale and intermediate stations.

Trains leave Scranton 0 55 a. m. for Cadosia.

Trains leave Summitville for Ellenville 9 40 and 11 30 a. m., 3 50 p. m.

Trains leave Ellenville for Summitville 7 00 and 10 50 a. m., 3 10 and 5 30 p. m.

Trains leave Delhi for Walton 7 20 and 11 00 a. m., 4 50 p. m., Sunday only 3 15 p. m.

Trains leave Walton for Delhi 8 10 a. m., 2 45 and 5 45 p. m. Sunday only 9 15 a. m., and 2 15 p. m.

Trains leave Sidney for New Berlin 10.00 a. m., *8 45 and 7.5 p. m. Leave New Berlin for Sidney 7 40 and *10 02 a. m., and 2 0 p. m.

For further particulars see local card.

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In effect Nov. 29th, '97.

NORTH.

New York Ferries	Daily a m	Daily ex Sun p m	Sun p m
West 23d St.	8 10	.....	3 50
Cortlandt and Desbrosses St.	8 30	.....	4 10
Jersey City	8 46	.....	4 25
Hackensack	9 14	.....	4 50
Paterson (Broadway)	9 26	.....	5 02
Paterson	9 29	.....	5 04
Two Bridges	10 55	2 50	6 30
Ogdensburg	11 07	3 05	6 40
Franklin	11 12	3 15	6 46
Hamburg	11 20	3 26	6 54
Deckertown	11 28	3 40	7 03
Quarryville	11 36	3 52	7 10
Unionville	11 44	4 04	7 18
Westtown	11 49	4 15	7 24
Johnson	11 55	4 27	7 29
Slate Hill	12 00	4 37	7 34
Middletown	12 12	4 50	7 46

SOUTH.

	Daily ex Sun a m	Sun a m	Daily p m
Middletown	6 30	7 12	5 04
Slate Hill	6 42	7 27	5 15
Johnson	6 48	7 35	5 21
Westtown	6 53	7 43	5 27
Unionville	6 58	7 56	5 34
Quarryville	7 06	8 07	5 43
Deckertown	7 14	8 30	5 51
Hamburg	7 22	8 46	6 00
Franklin Junction	17 27	.....	.....
Franklin	7 29	8 56	6 07
Ogdensburg	7 34	9 06	6 12
Two Bridges	7 51	9 27	6 28
Paterson City	9 03	.....	7 45
Paterson (Broadway)	9 05	10 36	7 48
Hackensack	9 16	10 47	8 01
Jersey City	9 38	11 12	8 27
New York Ferries— Cortlandt and Desbrosses St.	9 53	11 23	8 38
West 23d street	10 16	11 46	9 20

†—Stop on signal.

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Solid trains between New York and Chicago, via Chautauqua Lake or Niagara Falls. Pullman cars between New York and Rochester, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Toronto, Chautauqua Lake, Cleveland, Cincinnati and Chicago.

TIME TABLE ADOPTED NOV. 28, '97.

| Sun 18 | P. M. | Eastern Time. | 12 | 10 | 26 | 16 | 28 | 38 | 6 | 30 | 2 | 8 | 22 | 14 | 606 | 620 | 606 | 14 | 22 | 8 | 2 | 30 | 6 | 38 | 28 | 16 | 26 | 10 | 12 | Eastern Time. | 17 | 21 | 1 | 9 | 5 | 33 | 13 | 25 | 15 | 27 | 35 | 5 | 617 | 625 | 601 | 3 | 7 | 29 | 25 | 15 | 27 | 33 | 5 | 13 | 9 | 1 | 21 | 17 | 25 | 26 | 16 | 28 | 38 | 6 | 30 | 2 | 8 | 22 | 14 | 606 | 620 | 606 | 14 | 22 | 8 | 2 | 30 | 6 | 38 | 28 | 16 | 26 | 10 | 12 | Sun 18 | P. M. |
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CORNELIUS J. SLOAT'S WILL

Full Text of the Document That Disinherits His Son and Leaves All His Property to Miss Annie M. King—A Suit Begun Against Him by His Son's Wife the Probable Cause of the Estrangement.

The will of the late Cornelius J. Sloat, which bequeathed all property to Miss Annie M. King, of Taunton, and cut off his son and other relatives from any share in his estate, has caused a great deal of talk among the friends of the deceased and has stirred up much indignation among the friends of his disinherited son, Charles Sloat, who is a well known C. and W. engineer.

The will, which was made in 1894, was in the possession of Daniel F. Seward up to the time of his death, when, at Mr. Sloat's request, J. C. R. Taylor took charge of it.

The will was filed with the Surrogate, Wednesday, and hence becomes public property. It is witnessed by Daniel F. Seward and J. B. Swalm and is as follows:

In the name of God, amen.

I, Cornelius J. Sloat, of No. 129 North street, in the city of Middletown, etc., being of sound, disposing mind and memory, do hereby make, publish and declare this my last will and testament, as follows, that is to say:

First—I order and direct my executrix hereinafter named to pay all my just debts, funeral and testamentary expenses as soon as possible after my death.

Second—I give, devise and bequeath unto my friend, Anna M. King, of Taunton, Mass., daughter of Henry J. King, deceased, and to her heirs and assigns forever, all my property of every name and nature, both real and personal, and wheresoever the same may be, and I ask and it is my request and wish that the said Annie M. King as a remembrance of me will at all times wear the diamond stud which will be found among my effects at the time of my decease.

Third—I hereby make, constitute and appoint my said friend, Annie M. King, the sole executrix of this, my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former and other wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this fourteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four.

[L. S.] CORNELIUS J. SLOAT.

The will, will be probated March 7, unless, as is more than likely, a contest is made by the ignored relatives.

The relations between the deceased and his son and son's wife were not pleasant for several years. He lived with them for a time, and on July 23, 1892, Maggie Sloat, wife of Charles, the son, brought suit against him before Justice John Wiggins to recover for work, labor, services and board and lodging furnished. She was represented by John L. Wiggins and R. M. Cox appeared for Mr. Sloat. The latter put in a counter claim to offset the amount claimed, alleging that he had furnished goods and merchandise and had loaned her money.

The matter was settled without a trial, Mr. Sloat paying his daughter-in-law's claim, and the family separated.

Miss King has left the home of Miss Blizzard, on Roberts street, and is stopping at Conductor E. J. Vaughn's.

The will was a surprise to her. She had not seen the deceased in a year, not even when she was on here, last summer.

A search was made for a later will in the house of the deceased, Wednesday, but without revealing anything to brighten the hopes of the son and other relatives.

ERIE MAY LEAVE PORT JERVIS.

May Move Its Yard and Shops to Lackawaxen or Rose's Switch.

The absurd warfare which the trustees of Port Jervis are making on the Erie may result in the railroad removing its division terminus and shops, and leaving the village abandoned and desolate.

General Superintendent Fitch and one of the heads of the road's engineering corps were in Port Jervis, yesterday, and after making a hasty inspection of the yard and shops went on a special train to Lackawaxen.

While in Port Jervis Mr. Fitch said that the Erie was thinking seriously of making Lackawaxen its division terminus. That place being the junction with the Honesdale branch would be more convenient than Port Jervis, and if the Port Jervis authorities insisted in opening two street crossings the yard there would be ruined and its abandonment would become imperative.

Other rumors say that the Erie officials talk of moving the shops and yard to Rose's switch, eleven miles west of Port Jervis, where there is abundant room.

Never Recovered from Her Injuries.

Mrs. Solomon Bussey, who died recently at her home in Margaretville, Delaware county, formerly resided in the vicinity of Livingston Manor. While she and her husband were crossing the railroad track there, several years ago, they were struck by an O. and W. train and Mrs. Bussey never recovered from the effects of the injuries she received.

Captured a White Squirrel.

W. J. Gardner, who resides on the Jesse Holbert farm, near Goshen, caught alive a pure white squirrel, Wednesday. White squirrels are very rare, but Mr. Gardner has the proof of his catch.

Mr. Gardner has rented the J. J. Mills farm, near Scotchtown, and will occupy it after March 1.

Kerosene Oil for Nothing.

Competition between rival merchants sent the price of kerosene oil down to three cents a gallon in West Oneonta, Saturday. At that point one of the dealers knocked the head out of a barrel and told all comers to help themselves. And what ended the ruinous competition.

Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy

Is good for Kidney, Urinary and Bladder Troubles. It gives you an appetite, makes your blood pure, braces you up in every fibre, regulates the bowels, strengthens the nerves.

On the slightest sign of anything wrong with your health, get a bottle of it at once of your druggist. **$1.00 a bottle.**

JAMES H. WALLICK'S NEW PLAY

It Is Called "Devil's Island" and the Dreyfus Incident Furnishes the Plot.

James H. Wallick, gave the first performance of his new play, Devil's Island, at the Academy of Music, Chicago. Feb. 14, to protect copyright and certain situations and incidents.

This play, founded on the Dreyfus incident, has its chief situation in a scene wherein the French officer's sword is broken and the insignia of his rank are stripped from his uniform. To protect those points a performance was given by Mr. Wallick, who will present the play at the Fourteenth Street Theatre, New York, in August. He had planned to give the performance on Wednesday, but learning that a play on the same subject was to be shown at Hoboken on Feb. 14, evening, he gave his performance on the afternoon of that day, and thereby protected his play and the incidents mentioned.

SHORTEST ROUTE TO BUFFALO.

Possibilities of the Erie and Lackawanna Lines.

From the Honesdale Independent.

It is reported on good authority that a great engineering feat is in contemplation by the Vanderbilts when they get control of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad. It is no less a scheme than the tunnelling of the Pocono mountains. It is said that by tunnelling this mountain and shortening the curves this road can be made the shortest route between New York and Buffalo by at least forty miles. The Erie, by a new route across New Jersey and a cut across Wayne county from Mast Hope to Susquehanna, could easily shorten its line as many miles as the D., L. and W. can by the referred to changes.

NOTES OF THE GOOD TEMPLARS

New Lodge at Livingston Manor—The Chief Templar's Visit—Meeting of the County Lodge.

—T. W. Smith, special deputy, will go to Livingston Manor, Saturday evening, to reorganize Livingston Manor Lodge, No. 102.

—D. W. Hooker, G. C. T., will be present at Excelsior's meeting, this evening. Let every member of the order be on hand.

—The 104th quarterly session of Orange County Lodge will be held at Goshen, Friday. The Grand Chief Templar will address a public meeting in the M. E. Church in the evening.

ULSTER COUNTY CORONERS.

A Bill to Give Them $500 Salary—Restrictions as to Autopsies.

Senator Davis has introduced a bill providing that Ulster county coroners shall each receive a salary of $500 a year in lieu of fees. When a coroner thinks an autopsy necessary, he may, if authorized by the Supervisor of the town in which the death occurred or the mayor of Kingston if in that city, employ one physician to perform such autopsy, the charge for which shall not exceed $5.

Turf and Horse Notes.

—On Tuesday, Edward Willets & Son, Brightholme Farm, Roslyn, L. I., sold to E. H. Harriman, Arden Farm, Goshen, the two-year-old filly Polly Taylor, by Island Wilkes, 2:13¾, dam Jet, by General Benton, second dam by Electioneer. She is a fast and promising trotter, and will be trained for fast racing during the coming season by W. J. Andrews.

Runaway Team Broke Down a Hydrant.

A team belonging to J. H. Horton became frightened on Canal street, to-day, and ran toward Fulton street. The wagon collided with a hydrant at the condensery, breaking it off, and the team left the wagon there. They were caught at Fulton street.

Lower Insurance Rates in Delaware County.

To meet the competition of local companies the Delaware county underwriters have reduced the rates on one-year risks about one-third. No reduction was made on three-year risks.

For Colds

and coughs and all lung troubles

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral

is the standard remedy. It is now put up in half-size bottles.

HALF SIZE—HALF PRICE.

A Peculiar Affliction.

"At the age of six years my daughter was afflicted with scrofula. Her eyelids were being destroyed and the eyelashes were falling out. I decided to give her Hood's Sarsaparilla and after taking three bottles she was cured and has never been troubled with scrofula since." Mrs. Emma Valentine, Bluff Point, N. Y.

Hood's Pills cure all liver ills. Mailed for 25c, by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Relief in Six Hours.

Distressing Kidney and Bladder disease relieved in six hours by "NEW GREAT SOUTH AMERICAN KIDNEY CURE." It is a great surprise on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in bladder, kidneys and back, in male or female. Relieves retention of water almost immediately. If you want quick relief and cure this is the remedy. Sold by J. E. Mills, druggist Middletown, N. Y.

$100 Dollars $100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Address, F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O.

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Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Dr. Miles' Pain Pills cure Neuralgia.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

JAS. P. TIGHE, Commission Broker, Stern Building, 16 North street, Middletown, N. Y. Stocks, Bonds, Grain and Provisions bought and sold for cash or carried on margin.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24, '98

	Yesterday Close	To-day Close
Sugar	125⅛	121¾
Tobacco	89¾	90
Chicago Gas	91¾	90
Nat. Lead	32¼	30
General Electric	33⅛	31⅛
U. S. L., pref	62	60¼
Tenn. Coal and Iron	20⅞	19¼
A. T. & S. F.	11¾	10½
C. B. & Q.	96½	93⅛
C. M. & St. P.	92⅞	91⅞
R. I.	87	84
D. L. & W.	—	—
C. of N. J.	92	91¼
Erie	14⅜	14
D. and H.	110	109
O. & W.	15½	15¼
Susquehanna & Western	—	—
Susquehanna & West., pref	34⅛	32½
P. & R.	19½	18¾
N. W.	122¾	120
L. S.	—	—
N. Y. C.	113	111¾
M. P.	27¼	25
Texas	11⅛	10½
U. P.	29¼	28⅝
W. Union	88⅞	87⅛
L. & N.	55	53⅝
Manhattan	10 3⅛	102¼
P. M.	28¾	27¾
Wabash, pref	16¾	15⅛
No. Pacific, pref	61¼	60
Metropolitan Traction	144	135¼
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	39⅞	37⅝
Southern, pref	29	27½
May Wheat	106	103⅝
May Corn	30⅝	29⅞
May Oats	26¼	26⅛
May Pork	$10 82	$10 65
May Lard	5 27	5 22

DIED.

PICOT—In this city, Feb. 23d, '98, John G. Picot, aged forty five years.

Funeral services will be held at St. Paul's M. E. Church, Friday afternoon, at two-thirty o'clock. Interment in Hillside Cemetery.

FRED O. ROCKAFELLOW, Funeral Director and Embalmer, 99 North street. Telephone No. 8. Lady assistant. New York office 154 East 23d street, with H. E. Taylor & Co.

KNAPP & MERRITT, Undertakers and Embalmers, 42 West Main street corner James, Middletown, N. Y. 56 Great Jones St., New York city. Lady assistant. Telephone Call No. 18.

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12, 15, 18, 24, 30, 35c Per Dozen

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Apples 8c per pound. Blackberries, Apricots, Figs and Dates 10c., Pitted Plums, Nectarines and Silver Prunes 12c., Pitted Cherries and Whortleberries 15c., Raspberries 18c., Raisins 6, 8 and 10c. Prunes 6, 8 and 12c., Currants and Seeded Raisins 10c., with Trading Stamps.

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THE Klondike isn't in it with the bargains in second-hand goods at LOEVEN'S Storage House, 21 Monhagen avenue. 78dlyOc28,96

FOUND—At the First Baptist Church, Wednesday afternoon, a Pocketbook, containing sum of money. Owner can have same by proving property. B. ROBSHAW, Shoemaker. 1t Rear of Commercial House.

AUCTION—Household furniture, SATURDAY, FEB. 26TH, at 1:30 p. m., at 342 North St. 80d2t WM. VANSCHAICK, Auctioneer.

6 Cts. a Pound

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Oyster, Soda, Milk Crackers

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FLOUR.

350 Barrels of High Grade Fancy Patent Flour!

Bought before the recent advance of 45c per barrel—Placing us in position to save you money if you will see us before you buy flour.

Fresh smoked California Hams 8½c a pound.
Choice Fresh Creamery Butter 20c a pound.
Fresh Elgin Creamery Butter 22c a pound.

C. N. PREDMORE & SON.

Cottage Hotel Entertainments.

WEEK OF FEB 21.

Harry C. Perkins, original Irish Napoleon and character song and dance artist; Irene Hernandez, Southern nightingale; Edith Pierron, song and dance; Lura St. Gaudens, songstress, dancer and artist and whist player.

P. S. Don't forget the grand ball, Thursday night, in connection with the above show. Cars leave for Middletown at 1 a. m., and Goshen at 12.20.

THREE BARGAINS AT ECONOMY STORE.

A few days ago we told you about the Carpenter Hosiery Stock, at half price, none of which are left. To-day we tell you about three greater bargains, bought under most favorable conditions for price making.

NO. ONE.

A quantity of Men's Seamless ½ Hose.
Colors — Slate and ecrn.
Finish—Perfect.
Quality—A 1.
Value—20c.
Price—12½c a pair.
6 pairs 69c.

NO. TWO.

Kind—Misses.
Style—Fine Ribbed.
Color—Fast Black.
Finish—Double Knee Two thread.
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11 Ladies' Navy and Black Diagonal Cloth Mackintoshes, full sweep capes. Former price $3 50. As long as they last $1 98.

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